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**Introduced by Representative GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**

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**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSTITUTE THEMSELVES INTO A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO PROPOSE A REVISION OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION**

WHEREAS, almost three decades had already passed since the people ratified the current Constitution through a plebiscite on February 2, 1987;

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that the time has come for the people to revisit the current Constitution to implement changes that would be responsive to the current needs of the nation;

WHEREAS, in his first *State of the Nation Address*, President Rodrigo Duterte has called on Congress to initiate moves to revise the Constitution to introduce a federal form of government with a French-style parliament and a president directly elected by the populace;

WHEREAS, after the National Security Council was convened on 27 July 2016, the President has expressed his preference that the more expedient and practical mode of revising the Constitution would be through a Constituent Assembly;

WHEREAS, Article XVII of the Constitution provides the procedure for introducing changes to the fundamental law.

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article XVII lays down the first two methods of introducing amendments to or a revision of the Constitution, to wit:

Section 1. Any amendment to, or revision of, this Constitution may be proposed by: (1) The Congress, upon a vote of three-fourths of all its Members; or (2) A constitutional convention.

WHEREAS, the first mode provides that Congress, convening itself as a Constituent Assembly, may directly propose amendments to or a revision of the Constitution "upon a vote of *three-fourths* of all its Members."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY BEING RESOLVED, by the Senate and the House of Representatives, in session assembled, to constitute themselves into a Constituent Assembly to propose a revision of the 1987

Constitution, and by a vote of at least three-fourths of each House in joint session voting separately, to approve such new constitution that will replace the 1987 Constitution.

Adopted,

  
**GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**